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SUBJECT:SPECIAL SUMMARY NUMBER THREE: TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY

1. ISRAELI PARLIAMENT HOLDS SPECIAL DEBATE

REUTER REPORTS THAT THE KNESSET WILL MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION AUGUST 18, FOLLOWING DEMANDS BY OPPOSITION MEMBERS TO DEBATE THE TERMS OF A POSSIBLE INTERIM AGREEMENT. OPPOSITION LEADER BEGIN REPORTEDLY TOLD A PARTY MEETING AUGUST 17 THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO MANDATE FROM THE PEOPLE TO HAND BACK VITAL AREAS OF THE SINAI, INCLUDING THE PASSES AND THE ABU RUDEIS OIL FIELDS. HE CALLED FOR EITHER GENERAL ELECTIONS OR A REFERENDUM.

2. USSR: TASS CALLS FOR A NEW SALT TREATY

AP REPORTS THAT TASS HAS URGED THAT A NEW SALT TREATY LIMITING NUCLEAR OFFENSIVE WEAPONS BE CONCLUDED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. TASS COUPLED THAT REQUEST WITH AN ATTACK ON US MILITARY LEADERS, PARTICULARLY SECRETARY SCHLESINGER, CRITICIZING THEIR INSISTENCE THAT AMERICA MUST MAINTAIN A STRONG MILITARY POSTURE IN SPITE OF NEW ARMS AGREEMENTS WITH THE

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3. PAKISTAN FEARS FURTHER DISMEMBERMENT BY INDIA OR AFGHANISTAN

ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SHAH, EMBASSY TEHRAN WAS BRIEFED ON IRANIAN-PAKISTANI CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING INDIA'S INTENTIONS TOWARDS PAKISTAN. IRANIAN FOREIGN UNDERSECRETARY NADIM DISCUSSED THE THREATENING STATEMENTS MADE TO THE PAKISTANIS BY THE SOVIETS IN KABUL, AND STRESSED THAT IRAN COULD NOT STAND BY IF AN ATTEMPT WERE MADE TO DISMEMBER PAKISTAN FURTHER. NADIM SAID THE SHAH WISHED TO KNOW WHAT, IF ANYTHING, THE US PLANS TO DO.

4. LIBYA: QADHAFI CLAMPS DOWN IN WAKE OF FAILED COUP

EMBASSY TRIPOLI REPORTS THAT QADHAFI IS CLAMPING DOWN ON DISSIDENT ELEMENTS IN THE WAKE OF AN ABORTIVE COUP. ONE REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL (RCC) MEMBER HAS FLED TO TUNISIA, AND ANOTHER IS UNDER ARREST ALONG WITH THIRTY ARMY AND REPUBLICAN GUARD OFFICERS. THE REMAINDER OF THE RCC IS BACKING QADHAFI'S TOUGH LINE AND HAS:

--ISSUED A SET OF DECREES INSTITUTING DRACONIAN PENALTIES FOR SUCH CRIMES AS SETTING UP POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONTACTING FOREIGN POWERS,

--ESTABLISHED A NEW "AUDIT COUNCIL," RESPONSIBLE TO THE RCC, TO OVERSEE SPENDING OF PUBLIC FUNDS.

EMBASSY COMMENT: NONE OF THE KEY MEMBERS OF THE RCC WERE INVOLVED IN THE PLOTTING. WITHOUT SUPPORT OR BACKING FROM THE OFFICER CORPS, THE ENTERPRISE WAS DOOMED FROM THE START. IN FACT, QADHAFI PROBABLY KNEW OF THE PLOTTING WELL IN ADVANCE, SINCE EARLY IN AUGUST OVER ONE HUNDRED POLICE OFFICERS WERE ABRUPTLY TRANSFERRED TO NEW POSTS.

5. BANGLADESH: NEW REGIME SEEKS DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION

EMBASSY DACCA RECEIVED AUGUST 17 A CIRCULAR NOTE FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADDRESSED TO ALL FOREIGN MIS-
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SIONS. THE NOTE, WHICH APPEARS DESIGNED TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION:

--OFFICIALLY INFORMS THE FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT;

--STATES PRESIDENT MUSTAQUE'S RESOLVE TO PROMOTE BANGLADESH'S RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES; AND

--ASSURES THE FOREIGN MISSIONS THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL HONOR ALL AGREEMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF ITS PREDECESSOR.

IN INDIA'S FIRST PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENT ON THE COUP, THE GOI EXPRESSES ITS "GREAT SHOCK" AT THE KILLING OF POLITICAL LEADERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND EULOGIZES MUJIB AS "ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING PERSONALITIES OF OUR TIME."

6. OMAN SEEKS RELATIONS WITH IRAQ

DESPITE SOME MISGIVINGS, OMAN, AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN, HAS SUGGESTED TO IRAQ THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BE ESTABLISHED. ACTING MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AL-ALAWI TOLD EMBASSY MUSCAT THAT OMAN IS TAKING THIS STEP BECAUSE IT:

--FEELS IT MUST KEEP IN STEP WITH THE OTHER GULF STATES SO AS NOT TO BE LEFT OUT OF THEIR INCIPIENT DISCUSSIONS OF REGIONAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS; AND

--BELIEVES ITS OWN DOMESTIC INTERNAL SECURITY APPARATUS IS NOW SUFFICIENTLY SOPHISTICATED TO KEEP TABS ON POSSIBLE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES BY AN IRAQI EMBASSY.

ASSUMING A FAVORABLE REPLY, OMAN INTENDS TO ANNOUNCE AUGUST 25 THAT AMBASSADORS WILL BE EXCHANGED AT AN EARLY DATE.

7. TOGO: PRESIDENT MAY TRY TO IMPLICATE US IN COUP PLOTTING

EMBASSY LOME NOTES THAT THE RECENT ARREST OF SEVERAL TOGO-SECRET

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LESE MILITARY OFFICERS FOR ALLEGEDLY PLOTTING AGAINST PRESIDENT EYADEMA HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE PUBLIC. SPECULATION ABOUT US INVOLVEMENT CONTINUES, AND FORMER AMBASSADOR TO THE US OHIN TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT:

--THE ARREST OF ONE OF THE OFFICERS, HIS NEPHEW, WAS OSTENSIBLY BASED ON HIS FRIENDLY CONTACTS WITH THE US EMBASSY.

--EYADEMA IS INCREASINGLY INSULATED FROM INTELLIGENT AND MODERATE COUNSEL AND IS GROWING MORE NERVOUS ABOUT PLOTS.

EMBASSY COMMENT: RADICAL INTERIOR MINISTER EKLO, PRESENTLY WITH THE PRESIDENT IN THE NORTH, IS TRYING TO POISON EYA-

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CHARGE OF US IMPLICATION IN THE PLOTTING. LOME IS CALM NOW,
BUT EYADEMA IS DUE TO RETURN ABOUT AUGUST 18 AND THE SITUA-
TION COULD CHANGE THEN.

8. ZAIRE TO SHOW MODERATION ON SOUTH AFRICA IN RETURN FOR
AID

EMBASSY KINSHASA REPORTS THAT A SENIOR SOUTH AFRICAN OFFI-
CIAL VISITED ZAIRE ABOUT JULY 15. IT WAS AGREED THAT:

--SOUTH AFRICA WILL PROVIDE CREDITS OF ABOUT \$12 MIL-
LION FOR FOOD, SPARE PARTS AND INDUSTRIAL INPUTS.

--THE QUID PRO QUO IS ZAIRIAN HELPFULNESS IN PUBLIC
STATEMENTS ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA.

IN ADDITION, THE BRITISH CHARGE WAS TOLD BY FOREIGN MINISTER
BULA THAT ZAIRE'S POLICY TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA WILL BE MOD-
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